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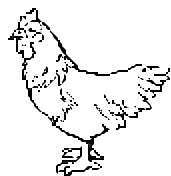
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were lower in the East and Midwest, but unchanged on regular commitments in the West. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was fairly good where feature activity stimulated consumer interest, elsewhere interest improved over last week but was still slow. Generally most buyers were only purchasing on as needed basis. Food service demand ranged light to good. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate and discounted but not as heavily as last week. In the parts structure, wings were ample and readily available, breast items were still fully adequate, balance of cuts were sufficient for the cautious and selective buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/30/02-10/05/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	42.00-47.00	43.77	11	49.22	31
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.57	46	46.00	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	50.96	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.15	10
Denver	68.50	68.50	16	66.37	19
Detroit	40.00-42.00	42.77	13	50.52	36
Los Angeles	69.00	66.31	64	61.73	129
New York	44.00-46.00	44.87	23	47.21	46
Philadelphia	44.50-46.00	45.36	11	47.49	24
Pittsburgh	44.00-47.00	45.91	11	52.57	57
St. Louis	43.00	42.61	20	44.37	41
San Francisco	69.50	68.38	28	63.35	107

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/30/02	Change/Last Wk	09/23/02	10/01/01
605	53.07	-1.76	54.83	60.71

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	46.00-49.00	48.18	35
Central	44.00-52.00	51.14	59
West	42.00-52.00	51.16	45

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.87	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,162	40.00-65.75	62.03

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50	1,347
BREASTS - B/S	145.00	4,918
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,155
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50	881
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,300
WINGS	57.00	3,197

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was limited as dealers entered the week cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items were available, but noted as less burdensome. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were ample.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light with buyers unaggressive. Food service was slow to fair. Supplies were available and competitively priced. In the parts structure, breast items were fully adequate, wings were available with some discounting noted. Other items were at least adequate to fully adequate for the limited demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Trading reported for this week deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and mainly lower on new negotiations. Offerings were ample overall with weights under 3 pounds in the best position. Heavy weight product was sharply discounted and difficult to place. Buying interest had increased in some areas to cover first of the month anticipated needs. Demand good into stores where features planned to break later in the week otherwise only fair, restaurants fairly good overall best by fast food. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 17.25-20 and mainly 20 on 4/10s, bone in breast 69-75 and boneless generally 120, drumstick 26.5-30. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 44.12 down 3.63 with the volume reported at 34 loads up 7 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were down 2 cents from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were adequate with limited buyer interest. Movement into all channels was mixed, light to fairly good where first of the month is a factor. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trading was noted as generally quiet and sluggish. Supplies of all items were at least fully adequate. Market tone steady on dark meat and barely steady to weak on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved slightly following the weekend but was generally no better than fair. Seller offerings were at least adequate to available and competitive priced to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings were fully adequate to ample. Other items were more than sufficient for current needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	42-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	46.26
NO. OF BOXES	8,967

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fairly good over the weekend as dealers took advantage of discounted offerings throughout the market, however, interest was light entering the week as buyers adopted a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of breast items remained fully adequate, but were noted as less burdensome. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was weak on wings, cautiously steady on breast items and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130		127.48	338,120
TENDERLOINS	125-130		134.04	68,420
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62		65.19	186,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	61		61.15	149,960
LEGS	31-32		31.75	167,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		18.36	325,310
DRUMSTICKS	28-29		33.38	81,100
THIGHS	20-21		31.64	53,230
B/S THIGHS	62-63		65.97	42,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	55-56		57.38	232,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.13	42,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		25.42	14,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		64.32	17,720

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,430	107.00-158.00	112-120	116.06
TENDERLOINS	331	115.00-192.00	131-133	133.44
BREAST - WITH RIBS	170	61.00-67.00	-	63.82
FRONT HALVES	320	41.00-47.00	44	44.00
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	688	15.00-17.00	15-16	15.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,826	17.00-19.00	17	17.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	150	54.00-57.00	54-55	54.87
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,600	16.00-17.00	-	16.58

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/30	09/26	09/26	09/23	09/19
ALA	3,859	3,732	5.09	4046	4.94
ARK	5,385	5,328	5.06	5256	4.93
DELMARVA	2,210	2,313	5.13	2295	4.96
KY-LA-TN	1,990	1,844	4.68	2008	4.57
MISS	2,965	2,776	5.34	2915	5.33
NC	2,658	2,565	6.02	2593	5.94
TEXAS	2,343	2,433	4.91	2490	4.84
TOTAL	21,410	20,991	5.18	21603	5.07
MON	21,410(A)			21603(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Sep 2002 is estimated to be 32,032,000 down 1.19 percent from a week ago and up 2.92 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,417,000 last year 31,123,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	946	110.00-189.00	120-129	124.97
TENDERLOINS	151	130.00-190.00	130-133	143.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	63.00-81.00	67-69	71.57
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	89	21.00-33.00	21-22	22.21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,368	17.00-24.00	18-19	19.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	279	57.00-63.00	58-59	59.19
WINGS (CUT)	536	63.00-83.00	66-69	70.38
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 30, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
30.00 - 34.50	32.22	35.26

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 30-SEP - 04-OCT-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 136.00	120.00 - 127.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 90.00	62.00 - 69.00
LEGS	22.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	21.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	17.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	48.00 - 71.00	53.00 - 55.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS 589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-

HENS OVER 5# 75

DUCKS -

RABBITS-WHOLE -

RABBITS-CUT UP -

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 96-103
	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 94-98
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

27-SEP-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-17.50	13.50-16.00	1,043,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.46	14.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	9.00-15.00	1,749,688	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.36	12.16		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 30-SEP-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11	8-9	8.83

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

27-SEP-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-14.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.13		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.50	9.00-14.00	3,342,000	1,224,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.38	10.67		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
	CENTS/LB.			
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10	7.75-8.75		8.31
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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